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INTERNATIONAL DRY BEAN

TRADE UP IN 1969

Dry bean exports from 33 reporting countries totaled 8,739,000 cwt. in calendar year 1969. This was a 16 percent increase over the 7,501,000 cwt. exported the previous year. Record U. S. exports of 3,613,000 cwt. accounted for the increase. Reported imports amounted to 7,027,000 cwt., but trade data are not available from a number of importing countries.

Japan was the leading importer, taking 1,958,000 cwt., compared with 1,470,000 in 1968. The United Kingdom, usually the largest import market, took 1,646,000 cwt. compared with 1,745,000 the previous year and 1,831,000 in 1960-64. The United States is the leading supplier to both markets.

Canada's dry bean exports continued to increase - 584,000 cwt. in 1969, compared with 303,000 in 1968 and the 1960-64 annual average of 222,000 cwt. Virtually all are dry pea beans and about 90 percent go to the United Kingdom.

France was the leading importer of the EC countries, receiving 689,000 cwt., 197,000 of U. S. origin. During 1969 the United States exported nearly 15,000 cwt. of seed beans to France.

BEANS, DRY EDIBLE: International trade, average 1960-64, annual 1968 and 1969

Continent and country	Average 1960-64		1968		1969	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
North America:						
Canada	222	72	303	81	584	84
Costa Rica	9	21	---	312	---	186
El Salvador	7	300	20	342	6	251
Guatemala	23	16	27	36	22	26
Honduras	295	2	480	1	393	---
Mexico	239	87	1,540	---	1,180	8
Nicaragua	37	---	102	---	103	34
Panama	---	41	---	47	---	42
United States	2,766	63	2,265	46	3,613	25
Total	3,598	602	4,737	865	5,901	656
South America:						
Argentina	140	---	175	---	359	---
Brazil	---	24	378	147	392	29
Chile	459	---	282	---	134	---
Colombia	---	20	58	22	79	---
Venezuela	---	343	---	500	---	465
Total	599	387	893	669	964	494
Europe:						
EC:						
Belgium-Luxembourg . . .	80	214	83	223	61	139
France	89	571	80	721	64	689
Germany, West	36	593	---	390	---	425
Italy	159	92	20	314	25	415
Netherlands	230	407	134	1,070	113	466
Total EC	594	1,877	317	2,718	263	2,134
Greece	29	65	86	---	204	---
Sweden	---	49	---	61	---	66
Switzerland	1	78	---	58	---	73
United Kingdom	---	1,836	---	1,745	---	1,646
Yugoslavia	67	37	198	---	24	---
Total Europe	691	3,942	601	4,582	491	3,919
Asia:						
Japan	183	769	---	1,470	6	1,958
Thailand	125	---	189	---	117	---
Turkey	48	---	10	---	12	---
Total	356	769	199	1,470	135	1,958
Africa:						
Angola	195	---	255	---	404	---
Ethiopia	335	---	426	---	368	---
Malagasy Republic . . .	309	---	277	---	278	---
Morocco	53	---	7	---	17	---
Sudan	186	---	48	---	135	---
UAR (Egypt)	24	---	58	---	46	---
Total	1,102	---	1,071	---	1,248	---
Grand Total	6,346	5,700	7,501	7,586	8,739	7,027

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